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U.S. counterpart to the FR '754 publication, and the U.S. '691 patent is believed to be a U.S. counterpart to the FR '869 publication. The basis for that belief is that the U.S. and corresponding FR publications each claim the same priority applications, and the U.S. patent disclosures are therefore believed to be English-language translations of the disclosures contained in the French-language publications.

An English-language abstract of the FR '754 publication is also enclosed.

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The undersigned certifies that each of the foreign publications identified in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any question he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>EX'R. INIT.</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS/SUBCLASS</u>
_____	5,450,934	09/1995	Maucher	192/70.25
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>EX'R. INIT.</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TRANSLATION</u>
_____	FR 2 731 754 A1	09/1996	France	No
_____	FR 2 745 869 A1	09/1997	France	Only of abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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